

Int'l. Fishing and Related Activities

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instrument later determined to be insufficiently funded shall invalidate any permit.

(k) *Change in application information.* Within 15 days after any change in the information contained in an application submitted under this section, the dealer issued a permit must report the change to NMFS in writing. The permit is void if any change in information is not reported within 15 days.

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§ 300.25 Pacific bluefin tuna—Dealer recordkeeping and reporting.

Any person issued a dealer permit under § 300.24:

(a) Must submit to NMFS a biweekly report on bluefin imports and exports on forms supplied by NMFS.

(1) The report required to be submitted under this paragraph (a) must be postmarked within 10 days after the end of each 2-week reporting period in which Pacific bluefin tuna were exported. The bi-weekly reporting periods are defined as the first day to the 15th day of each month and the 16th day to the last day of the month.

(2) Each report must specify accurately and completely for each tuna or each shipment of bulk-frozen tuna exported: Date of landing or import; any tag number (if so tagged); weight in kilograms (specify if round or dressed); and any other information required by NMFS. At the top of each form, the company's name, license number, and the name of the person filling out the report must be specified. In addition, the beginning and ending dates of the 2-week reporting period must be specified by the dealer and noted at the top of the form.

(b) Must allow an authorized officer, or any employee of NMFS designated by NMFS for this purpose, to inspect and copy any records of transfers, purchases, or receipts of Pacific bluefin tuna.

(c) Must retain at his/her principal place of business a copy of each biweekly report for a period of 2 years from the date on which it was submitted to NMFS.

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§ 300.26 Pacific bluefin tuna—Tags.

(a) *Issuance.* NMFS will issue numbered tags to each person receiving a dealer's permit under § 300.24.

(b) *Transfer.* Tail tags issued under this section are not transferable and are usable only by the permitted dealer to whom they are issued.

(c) *Affixing tags.* At the discretion of dealers permitted under § 300.24, a tag issued under paragraph (a) of this section may be affixed to each Pacific bluefin tuna purchased or received by the dealer. If so tagged, the tag must be affixed to the tuna between the fifth dorsal finlet and the keel and tag numbers must be recorded on NMFS reports required by § 300.25(a) and any documents accompanying the shipment of Pacific bluefin tuna for domestic commercial use or export.

(d) *Removal.* A NMFS-issued numbered tag affixed to any Pacific bluefin tuna at the option of any permitted dealer under paragraph (c) of this section or any tag affixed to any Pacific bluefin tuna to meet the requirements of § 635.42(a)(2) of this title must remain on the tuna until the tuna is cut into portions. If the tuna or tuna parts subsequently are packaged for transport for domestic commercial use or for export, the number on each tag attached to each tuna or its parts must be written legibly and indelibly on the outside of any package or container.

(e) *Reuse.* Tags issued under this section are separately numbered and may be used only once, one tail tag per fish, to distinguish the purchase of one Pacific bluefin tuna. Once affixed to a tuna or recorded on any package, container or report, a tail tag and associated number may not be reused.

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§ 300.27 Pacific bluefin tuna—Documentation requirements.

Bluefin tuna imported into, or exported or re-exported from the customs territory of the United States is subject to the documentation requirements specified in §§ 635.41 through 635.44 of this title.

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